Assembly Bill No. 1786

CHAPTER 31

An act to add Section 1228.6 to the Government Code, relating to public officers, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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AB 1786, Cogdill. Public officers.

Existing law prohibits an officer of a county or judicial district from being absent from the state for more than 2 months without the consent of the board of supervisors, with the written approval of the Governor, and prohibits the absence from continuing for a period exceeding 6 months in any one year. Existing law also authorizes the governing body of any local agency to grant an employee a leave of absence without pay, to accept a temporary position with the United States Government for service in a foreign country in a technical cooperation program.

This bill would authorize the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors to grant the county sheriff a leave of absence without salary, not to exceed one year, to participate in the United States Department of State International Police Mission in Iraq.

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1228.6 is added to the Government Code, to read:

1228.6. Notwithstanding Section 1063 or any other provision of law, the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors, at any time during the 2004 calendar year may grant the county sheriff, upon request, a leave of absence without salary, for a period not to exceed one year from the date of deployment, to participate in the United States Department of State International Police Mission in Iraq. Upon termination of that service, the sheriff shall have the right to be restored to his or her former position.

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special act is necessary and that a general statute cannot be made applicable within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution

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because of unique circumstances applicable in Calaveras County to expedite the ability of the county sheriff to assist the United States Government's activities in Iraq.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order that the Calaveras County Sheriff may leave the United States in the near future to assist the United States Government's activities in Iraq for periods exceeding six months, it is necessary that this bill take effect immediately.